Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 1, replace the text before the section entitled "**TECHNICAL FIELD**" with the following:

--**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/785,878 filed 16 February 2001, now abandoned. --

Amend paragraph [0039] as follows:

[0039] **FIG. 13** is an isometric view of a further alternative embodiment of the invention similar to the embodiment of **FIG. 7** but configured as a ~~Genset~~ generator.

Amend paragraph [0046] as follows:

[0046] The general layout of the applicant's hybrid power supply apparatus **30** is illustrated in **FIG. 3**. Apparatus **30** includes an external housing **32** which encloses a hybrid power subsystem generally designated **34**. The various component parts and features of subsystem **34** are described in detail below. Housing **32** further includes an exposed end panel **36** which is accessible when apparatus **30** is in use (i.e. corresponding to the exposed end face **14** of a conventional battery **10**). Subsystem **34** is preferably air-cooled. In the illustrated embodiment, an air inlet **38** and an exhaust outlet **40** are located on ~~housing~~ end panel **36**. As discussed further below, hybrid apparatus **30** is configured to ensure that the temperature of housing **32**, and the exhaust expelled from outlet **40**, is kept within safe limits to avoid operator injury. As shown in **FIG. 4**, air inlet **38** and outlet **40** may optionally be covered by a conventional grill or deflector shield **78** to filter debris and ensure the exhaust gas stream is ergonomically located for operator comfort.

Amend paragraph [0066] as follows:

[0066] After passing over converter **62**, the first substream **100** is diverted through a shroud surrounding reformer **68** to accept waste ~~heat~~ heat Q generated by the reforming process. Reformers **68** typically operate at very high temperatures (i.e. on the order of 600 °C.). A first portion **100**(*a*) of substream **100** is then diverted to fuel cell **60** to maintain fuel cell **60** at a desirable operating temperature (i.e. within the range of approximately 60 - 80°C.). A second portion **100**(*b*) of substream **100** bypasses fuel cell **60** and is used to dilute the exhaust stream as described further below.

Amend paragraph [0080] as follows:

FIG. 13 illustrates a further alternative embodiment of the invention similar to the embodiment of **FIGS. 7 - 10**, but configured as a portable ~~genset~~ generator. In this embodiment, a standard AC electrical power outlet **126** is provided rather than DC power output **44**.